

tient, and how much of it. The simple-minded observer might be puzzled when confronted with this peculiarly antagonistic attitude toward a work which, he would suppose, might justly be regarded as *none of the homeopath's business*. But only the very simple-minded would be so led astray; the student of the signs of the times would look through the advertising pages of these homeopathic (?) medical (?) journals and then he would understand the matter. There is one, for instance, published in Detroit and bearing the name of *The Medical Counselor*. It ridicules the work of the Association and, possibly in the same spirit of sarcasm which chose its own name, asks if the medical profession needs guardians? The mere facts which have been brought to light as a result of the work of the Council are sufficient answer to that query; we certainly do need something to guard us from the rapacity, dishonesty and fraud of the nostrum manufacturer. But let us examine the advertising pages of this "*Counselor*," whose reading pages are largely given up to a very strong plea to homeopaths to be and remain such and practice homeopathy. Here we find many an old friend. Antiphlogistine, pepto-mangan, sal hepatica, antikamnia, Fellow's hypophosphites, vin Mariani, glycozone and meatox. Presumably, this homeopathic (?) medical (?) journal circulates entirely among the followers of that school, and the advertisements will therefore appeal only to them. *But are these nostrums used by the homeopathic brethren?* Can it be that the homeopathic brethren have been as successfully hypnotized into using, say antikamnia, as have so many of the deluded regulars? Shades of Hahnemann preserve us! Where are we at? Where are we coming to? If the rank nostrum advertisements were withdrawn from this homeopathic (?) medical (?) journal, its publication would be a matter of some expense, we imagine, to the owner. Is there any explanation of his wrath, of the invective directed against the American Medical Association for showing up these nostrums in their true colors, and thus indicating his own position in accepting the dirty dollars of the nostrum advertisers who buy his pages? This is just one of the deliciously anomalous situations which tend to add to the gayety of nations.

Not only are the nostrum-subsidized (self-styled "independent," medical (?) journals, and the homeopathic (?) medical (?) journals attacking the American Medical Association for its tremendously important fight against the nostrum abuse in medicine, but we find not a few of the publications which are supposed to represent the real interests of the pharmacist allied with the Proprietary Association of America and the various subsidized press in making similar attacks. The good Lord, He knows that this present fight, when it shall have resulted in cleaning out the worthless and lying nostrums, will benefit the pharmacist quite as much as it will the physician—and the sick man. The campaign of education amongst physicians is alone a

blessing to the pharmacist. But, of course, the man who is after dollars must protect his pocket in every way he can, even by lying or fomenting trouble and discord. All this is apropos of a deliberate lie which appeared in an editorial in the *Western Druggist* for September, 1907. The *Western Druggist*, it may be said in passing, is one of the largest drug journals in the country and infests the city of Chicago with its home. Dr. McCormack, in his report as organizer of the A. M. A., stated that he had found, in many states, a strong lobby representing the National Association of Retail Druggists and backing legislation adverse to the best interests of the profession and the people and opposing pure food legislation. We quote the following comment on this from the *Western Druggist*:

"After making his statement in regard to the N. A. R. D., attempting to influence legislation (the fact that his statement was untrue has nothing to do with the question at issue) he adds * * *"

That comment in parentheses is a straight lie. When the legislature in this state was in session in 1905, several bills referring to pure foods and drugs were introduced. The druggists did not like them. The agent of the N. A. R. D., by name Cheatham, in order to distract the attention of physicians from these bills and force them to cease giving attention to them, had prepared and introduced a bill, absolutely emasculating the law regulating the practice of medicine in this state, and so framed as to permit any quack to practice as he might will. This the *JOURNAL* commented on at the time (April, 1905, page 101). The *N. A. R. D. Notes*, the publication of the National Association of Retail Druggists, printed a highly commendatory article on this piece of dirty work by its agent, Cheatham, and closed its boastful article with the following quotation:

"We commend this bill [the bill emasculating the medical practice act. Ed.] to the consideration of the druggists of every state that have legislative fights on their hands and counsel them that at times it is wise and necessary to 'fight fire with fire.'"

Just compare this statement with that in the *Western Druggist* and then say whether that publication has not been convicted a liar out of the official publication (*N. A. R. D. Notes*) of the very organization it is endeavoring to put at enmity with the American Medical Association!

From a newspaper item we note that the mails are to be weighed for thirty days, beginning October 1st. This is done from time to time in order to fix the compensation to be paid the railway companies for transporting the mails. At this time, we are told, the weighing is to be done to determine the weight per month per car, and is not the usual quadrennial weighing, which is done by districts. In the Jan-

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